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TAGS: MARR, UK, IO

SUBJECT: UK PRESS ON DIEGO GARCIA

REF: STATE 012270

1. DIEGO GARCIA STORY RECEIVED LIMITED COVERAGE IN  
JANUARY 22 LONDON NEISPAPERS.

2. DAILY TELEGRAPH HEADLINED "ANGLO-U.S. TALKS ON  
BASE" ON PAGE FOUR. ARTICLE REPORTED THAT "AMERICA  
IS SEEKING BRITISH PERMISSION TO SET UP A BIGGER NAVAL  
BASE..." TELEGRAPH SAID THAT FCO DENIED ALSOP STORY  
OF JANUARY 21 BUT SAID THAT US/UK DISCUSSIONS ARE  
GOING ON IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SECURITY OF THE INDIAN  
OCEAN WITH "NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MIDDLE EAST".

3. FINANCIAL TIMES PUBLISHED ARTICLE DATEDLINE WASH-  
INGTON BY PAUL LEWIS WITH HEADLINE "UK SOUNDS ARABS  
ON U.S. BASE PLANS". LEWIS SAYS THAT THE BRITISH  
GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED TO BE CONSULTING WITH THE ARAB  
WORLD TO PREVENT HOSTILE INTERPRETATIONS BY THE ARABS  
OF POSSIBLE EXPANSIONS OF THE NAVAL FACILITY. HE RE-  
PORTS THAT DISCUSSIONS ON EXPANSION "HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY  
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FOR SOME MONTHS". HE ALSO REPORTS THAT OFFICIALS IN

WASHINGTON DENY THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO BUILD  
THE ISLAND INTO A MAJOR BASE AND ALSO THAT THEY DENIED  
THAT THE INCIDENT HAD BECOME ANOTHER SOURCE OF FRICTION  
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LONDON. IN A TRAILER, FT RE-  
PORTED THAT FCO AND THIS EMBASSY WERE "RELUCTANT TO  
GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF ANGLO-AMERICAN  
TALKS ON THE STRATEGIC ISLAND".

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